

# **TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**November 22, 2011**

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 3 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of discussion and possible action on any proposed Intermunicipal Water Agreement for Water District 5 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman David Cobb, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Vincent Battista.

Supervisor Scee began by explaining that the Town has been offered an agreement by the City of Watertown to purchase water to serve the Town of Hounsfield Water District 5. The Town of Watertown also has offered an agreement to pass the water from the City to our Town line.

Hounsfield and the Village of Sackets Harbor are still in the negotiating phase for a Memorandum of Understanding to purchase water for district 5 which includes \$110,000 from Town funding for the Village water upgrade project.

Supervisor Scee also explained that now the Town funding agency has indicated that the \$110,000 will not be available for the Village project.

Councilman Lee spoke on the history of negotiations with the Village of Sackets Harbor for district 5 water, which has been ongoing for almost a year.

Councilman Cobb asked what is the difference is on whether the Town pays \$110,000 to the Village or pays the City of Watertown a minimum charge every month. Supervisor Scee explained that if the Town pays \$150,000 to the City for monthly minimum water charge over 30 years, then Hounsfield will receive that much water for the charges.

Councilman Lee expressed that he feels the Town really needs to move ahead with the City agreement to file on time and no risk of losing the funding.

After much discussion a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to authorize Supervisor Scee to enter into an agreement with the City of Watertown to purchase water. In discussion C'man Cobb remarked that it is a big mistake, there are \$16,000 of unpaid water bills now and two out of four water districts are running in the red. A roll call vote was taken: C'man Battista voted no, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted no, and Supervisor Scee voted yes. Motion carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk